

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

By forming an implantation mask prior to the definition of the drain and the source areas, an effective decoupling of the gate dopant concentration from that of the drain and source concentrations is achieved. Moreover, after removal of the implantation mask, the lateral dimension of the gate electrode may be defined by well-established sidewall spacer techniques, thereby providing a scaling advantage with respect to conventional approaches based on photolithography and anisotropic etching.